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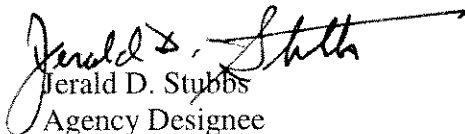
SUBJECT: Attendance at the STS-125 Pre-Launch Reception Sponsored by EG&G
Technical Services, Inc. and JDD, Inc., October 6, 2008

On October 6, 2008, EG&G Technical Services, Inc. and JDD, Inc. will host a pre-launch reception in anticipation of the STS-125 launch. The event will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Cocoa Beach, FL on Monday evening, October 6, 2008. Approximately 100 guests are expected to attend. These guests include a wide range of representatives from the space industry, members of state and local government, and other Federal employees. The approximate value of the reception is \$30 per person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event. This event will allow NASA employees to discuss the NASA Vision for Space Exploration, the Space Shuttle program, and the STS-125 mission with the other attendees. In addition, this event is a forum for the attendees to disseminate information on NASA's ongoing activities and to discuss matters of interest to NASA with a diverse group. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect EG&G or JDD may accept an invitation for complimentary attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect EG&G or JDD, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office.

In addition, the sponsors may provide a small memento valued at less than \$5.00 each to the attendees. Attendees are reminded of the \$20 gift exception at 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(a), which provides that employees may accept gifts valued at no more than \$20 per occasion. Accordingly, in addition to accepting free attendance at the event, NASA employees may accept the memento. NASA invitees are reminded not to exceed the \$50 cap on gifts from one source in a calendar year.


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